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COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
RELATING THERETO

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the references below, also listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. A copy of each is also enclosed.

The following articles are set forth by the indicated year of publication date:

AA. Kunkel, "Rapid and Efficient Site-Specific Mutagenesis Without Phenotypic Selection," *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 82:488-92 (January, 1985).

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AP. Yamamoto et al., "RRN3 Gene of *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae* Encodes an Essential RNA Polymerase I Transcription Factor Which Interacts with the Polymerase Independently of DNA Template," *EMBO J.*, 15:3964-73 (1996).

AQ. Heix et al., "Cloning of Murine RNA Polymerase I-Specific TAF Factors: Conserved Interactions Between the Subunits of the Species-Specific Transcription Initiation Factor TIF-IB/SL1," *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 94:1733-38 (March, 1997).

AR. Keener et al., "Reconstitution of Yeast RNA Polymerase I Transcription *in Vitro* from Purified Components," *J. Biol. Chem.*, 273:33795-802 (December 11, 1998).

AS. Milkereit and Tschochner, "A Specialized Form of RNA Polymerase I, Essential for Initiation and Growth-Dependent Regulation of rRNA Synthesis, is Disrupted During Transcription," *EMBO J.*, 17:3692-703 (1998).

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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants believe that their invention as claimed is patentable over the above references taken alone or in any combination. However, Applicants reserve the right to demonstrate that their claimed invention was made prior to any one or more of the above-identified references. No inference should be drawn as to the pertinence of the references based on the order in which they are presented.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references to make his own determination of the patentability of the present invention and that the references be made of record in the file of this application.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted deposit Account.

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